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# VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA

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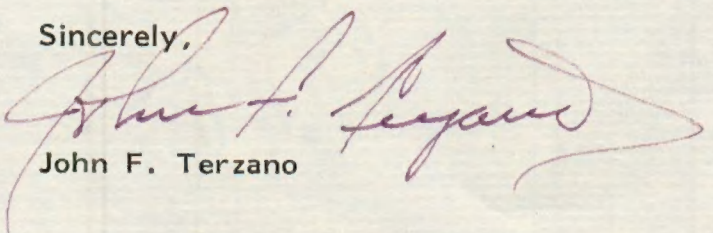
Mr. Donald Bodette  
174 Forest St  
Rutland, VT 05701

Dear Don:

Enclosed is the original copy of the evidence of  
incorporation for the Rutland Chapter #1 of the  
Vietnam Veterans of America.

Thank you for your patience in this matter.

Sincerely,



John F. Terzano



ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

OF

RUTLAND CHAPTER #1 OF VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA, INC.

We, the undersigned, being of lawful age, by the Articles of Association, have associated, and hereby associate ourselves together, as a body politic and corporate according to the provisions of Chapter 19, Title XI, of the Vermont Statutes of said State relating thereto and prescribing the duties and powers of corporations, under the corporate name and for the purpose hereinafter set forth.

FIRST: The name of the corporation shall be  
RUTLAND CHAPTER #1 OF VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA, INC.

SECOND: This corporation is organized for the purpose of:

To help foster, encourage and promote the improvement of the condition of the Vietnam Veteran.

To promote physical and cultural improvement, growth and development, self-respect, self-confidence and usefulness of Vietnam-era Veterans and others.

To eliminate discrimination suffered by Vietnam Veterans and to develop channels of communication which will assist Vietnam Veterans maximize self-realization and enrichment of their lives and enhance life-fulfillment.

To study on a non-partisan basis proposed legislation or rules and regulations introduced in any federal, state or local legislative or administrative body which may affect the social, economic, educational or physical welfare of the Vietnam-era Veterans or others, and to develop public policy proposals designed to improve the quality of life of the Vietnam-era Veterans and others, especially in the areas of employment, education, training and health.

To conduct and publish research on a non-partisan basis, pertaining to the relationship between Vietnam-era Veterans and the American Society, the Vietnam War experience, the role of the United States in securing peaceful co-existence for the world community and other matters which may affect the social, economic, educational or physical welfare of the Vietnam-era Veteran or others.

To assist disabled and needy War Veterans including, but not limited, to the Vietnam Veteran, and their dependents and the Widows and Orphans of deceased Veterans.

THIRD: The principal place of business of the corporation shall be located in Rutland, Vermont or such other places as the Board of Directors may from time to time determine.

FOURTH: The initial registered agent of the corporation shall be Donald Bodette with registered office located at 174 Forest Street, Rutland, Vermont 05701.

FIFTH: The corporation shall be a non-profit corporation and shall not have authority to issue any capital stock. The property of the corporation shall be used solely to promote its purposes as herein defined. Upon any dissolution or winding up of the corporation, any assets remaining after payment of or provision for its debts and liabilities shall, consistent with the purposes of the corporation, be paid over to charitable corporations qualifying as exempt organizations under the provision of the U. S. Internal Revenue Code or corresponding provisions of subsequently enacted Federal Law. No part of the net assets or net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of or be paid or distributed to any officer, director, member, employee or donor of the corporation.

SIXTH: It is the policy of the corporation to operate without discrimination with respect to race, national origin, religion, age, color, or sex in relation to the services provided by the corporation, and in relation to the recruitment, hiring, retention or serving on the corporation's Board of Directors or Committees.



SEVENTH: The corporation shall have all the general powers conferred by Chapter 19, Title XI, and all amendments thereto, and all other powers necessary, desirable, or incidental fully to effectuate its corporate purposes including but not limited to the power to acquire real or personal property by grant, gift, demise, bequest, or purchase, and to hold, lease, mortgage, or dispose of such property as the purpose of the corporation shall require.

EIGHTH: Membership in the corporation, the number of officers, their several terms of office, their method of election, respective duties and all other things pertaining to the purposes of the corporation shall be defined and established in the By-Laws to be adopted by the corporation.

NINTH: The period of duration of the corporation shall be perpetual.

TENTH: The initial Board of Directors of the corporation shall have five (5) members with the following serving as directors until their successors be elected and qualify:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Post Office Address</u>
Donald Bodette	174 Forest Street Rutland, Vermont 05701
Albert Trombley	1 Rice Avenue Rutland, Vermont 05701
Mary Trombley	1 Rice Avenue Rutland, Vermont 05701
Denis Ross	Barret Hill Center Rutland, Vermont 05736
R. Jake Jacobsen	West Rutland, Vermont 05777

ELEVENTH: The names and post office addresses of the incorporators are as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Post Office Address</u>
Donald Bodette	174 Forest Street Rutland, Vermont 05701
Albert Trombley	1 Rice Avenue Rutland, Vermont 05701
Mary Trombley	1 Rice Avenue Rutland, Vermont 05701
Denis Ross	Barret Hill Center Rutland, Vermont 05736

DATED at Rutland, Vermont, in the County of Rutland, this  
day of , 1980.

Donald Bodette  
Donald Bodette, Incorporator  
174 Forest Street  
Rutland, Vermont 05701

Albert E. Trombley  
Albert Trombley, Incorporator  
1 Rice Avenue  
Rutland, Vermont 05701

Mary Trombley  
Mary Trombley, Incorporator  
1 Rice Avenue  
Rutland, Vermont 05701

Denis Ross  
Denis Ross, Incorporator  
Barret Hill  
Center Rutland, Vermont 05736



## VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA

In special recognition  
for forming the first  
chapter of the  
Vietnam Veterans of America  
in the United States  
this charter is  
hereby presented to the  
Rutland, Vermont Chapter



*Robert B. Haller*  
Robert B. Haller, National Director

*April 12, 1970*  
Date